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SUBJECT: MAY 14 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

NYT'S CREWDSON REPORTS CIA'S COLBY LAST YR
POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION SVN'S THIEU BY GVN OFFICIALS WHO
WERE DISPLEASED BY WORSENING MIL SITUATION.

NVN LAUNCHES CAMPAIGN REORGANIZE FARM PRODUCTION INTO
LARGE-SCALE COLLECTIVES (REUTER (HK), BY MERGING SMALLER
RURAL CO-OPS. TO BE APPLIED ONLY IN NVN, IT IS 3RD STAGE
OF SOCIALIZING AGRICULTURE, FOLLOWING LAND REFORM,
FORMATION RURAL CO-OPS MOVE SEEMS BEAR RESEMBLANCE
PRC RURAL COMMUNES (WU, SUN).

2. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

MOTHER 2 VIET CHILDREN ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED BY PHILA AREA
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NURSE WENT ON ABC TV'S "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" PROGRAM
TO APPEAL FOR GIRLS' RETURN (SCHOGOL, PHINQ).

3. THAILAND

DISCOVERY PROSPEROUS BRONZE-AGE CULTURE IN NE CHALLENGES
MANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT BEGINNINGS TECHNOLOGY,
CIVILIZATION. TEAM US, THAI ARCHEOLOGISTS UNEARTH
5600-YR-OLD ARTIFACTS (REUTER PHILA; WILFORD, NYT).

4. PHILIPPINES/JAPAN

CONSORTIUM 24 JAPANESE COMM BANKS AGREE LEND 50 MILLION
DOLLARS TO PHILIPPINE CENTRAL BANK TO BOOST FOREX RESERVES.
BANK OF TOKYO HEADS GROUP (UPI, JOC).

5. INDONESIA

GOVERNMENT CRITICIZES IRS RULING ELIMINATING TAX BENEFIT
FOR OIL COMPANIES WORKING UNDER PRODUCTION-SHARING
ARRANGEMENTS. SAYS CHANGE WOULD AFFECT CASH FLOW,
ABILITY FIRMS REINVEST FUNDS IN EXPLORATION (MCDONALD,
WP). GOVERNMENT, PRESSED FOR CASH, WILL TRY GET MORE FROM
OIL FIRMS BY EITHER CUTTING PERCENTAGE ALLOWED COMPANIES
FOR PRODUCTION COSTS, OR INCREASING SHARE OF PROFITS
PER BARCELONA (AP, JAKARTA).

6. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

SEVERAL AUSSIE FIRMS ARE MEMBERS GROUPS TRYING BUY US'
PEABODY COAL CO. FTC ORDERED KENNECOTT COPPER DIVEST
ITSELF OF PEABODY; AUSSIES INTERESTED DUE PEABODY'S
LARGE COKING-COAL INTERESTS IN AUSTRALIA (KOSHETZ, NYT).

ESSO AUSTRALIA URGES GOVERNMENT RAISE PRICE LOCALLY-PRODUCED
CRUDE OR MAY NOT SPEND MORE ON EXPLORATION (JOC).

GOVERNMENT CONVINCED COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC ILLS WILL BE CURED ONCE
AUSSIES STOP SAVING, START SPENDING, BUT PUBLIC NOT
RESPONDING TO CALL. MAJOR REASON COULD BE THAT FRASER
GOVERNMENT UP TILL NOW HAS BEEN VENDOR OF GLOOM (STOVE, JOC).
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7. JAPAN/KOREA

SECSTATE RICHARDSON PLANS LEAVE WASHINGTON MAY 19 FOR
9-DAY VISIT KOREA/JAPAN. WILL ATTEND SEVENTH US-ROK
ECON MINISTERIAL MEETING SEOUL MAY 22-25. ALSO SCHEDULED
MEET MIKI, MIYAZAWA, KOMOTO TOKYO MAY 25-28; EXPECTED
DISCUSS ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, RAW MATERIALS, DEVELOPMENT.
CORPORATE PAYMENTS MAY ALSO BE RAISED (JOC WASHINGTON).

8. KOREA

SENATOR MCGOVERN THURSDAY URGED SECSTATE INSTRUCT US
AMEMBASSADOR TO ROK "CLOSELY WATCH" TRIAL OF 18 POLITICAL/

RELIGIOUS LEADERS. READ STATEMENT AS HAK ABOUT REPORT TO SFRC ON AFRICA TRIP (REUTER, WASHINGTON).

SPOKESMAN SAID THURSDAY UNIFICATION CHURCH BOUGHT NEW YORKER HOTEL FROM ;ILTON CORP. PAID OVER FIVE MILLION DOLS, HALF IN CASH. WILL USE AS WORLD MISSION CENTER. ALSO PLAN USE HOTEL TO HOUSE 2,000 MOON SECT MEMBERS EXPECTED ATTEND YANKEE STADIUM BICENTENNIEL RALLY JUNE 1 (CSM; AP, WSJ). NYC OFFICIALS PLAN STUDY WHETHER EXEMPT SECT, AS RELIGIOUS BODY, FROM 1.2 MILLION DOLS/YR REAL ESTATE TAX ON HOTEL (HERSCHFELD, NYDN).

9. JAPAN

YOMIURI REPORTED THURSDAY LDP MAJOR FACTION LEADERS FUKUDA/OHIRA, JOINED BY PARTY VP SHIINA, DECIDED DEPOSE PM MIKI. ANGERED AT GOJ HANDLING LOCKHEED SCANDAL. NO SUCCESSOR NAMED, BUT FUKUDA/OHIRA EXPECTED COOPERATE IN LEADING LDP. YOMIURT SAID MIKI OUSTER ,PROBABLY" WOULD COME SOON AFTER GOJ DECIDES HOW PURSUE LOCKHEED PROBE EARLY JUNE, JULY (UPI, TOKYO).

SPECIAL ENVOY SAITO MET AG HALFAVR THURSDAY. TOLD PRESS LEVI "UNDERSTOOD VERY WELL" THAT MIKI WANTS UNCOVER ANY LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO PAST/PRESENT GOVT OFFICIALS. SAID LEVI GAVE ASSURANCE US WOULD CONTINUE EXCHANGE LOCKHEED EVIDEDCE WITH JAPAN (REUTER, WASHINGTON). UNCLASSIFIED

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TOKYO POLICE ARRESTED SOV NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY CORRESPONDENT ALEXANDER MATCHEKHINE FRIDAY, ON SUSPICION TRIED OUY MIL SECRETS FROM US SAILOR. HELD UNDER SPECIAL CRIMINAL LAW BASED ON MST, COVERING LEAKAGE MIL SECRETS FROM US BASES JAPAN. SOV EMBASSY HAD NO COMMENT (REUTER, WP).

FUJI BANK STUDY PREDICTS JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS WILL RISE ABOVE SEVEN BILLION DOLS THIS YEAR. FORESEES FIRST BOP CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS SINCE 1972, ABOUT 800 MILLION DOLS (JOC, TOKYO).

V-M FIN YOSHIDA SAID THURSDAY SEVERAL FOREIGN CENTRAL OANKS BOUTGHT ABOUT 300 MILLION DOLS WORTH GOVT BONDS SINCE LAST FALL, FROM BANK OF JAPAN. SAID EXPECTS DIRECT DEALS INCREASE SINCE GOJ REMOVED CONDITIONS THAT HINDERED POSSESSION OF YEN BY FOREIGN GOVTS, CENTRAL BANKS, AS PART OF THEIR OFFICIAL RESERVES (WP).

FUJI HEAVY INDUSTRIES AGREES BUY 1.8 MILLION SHARES (30 PCT OF THOSE OUTSTANDING) FROM INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS IN SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC. WILL GIVE FUJI 35 PCT OWNERSHIP

OF MARKETING FIRM (JOC).

10. CHINA

PRC 'LEFTIST FACTION' APPEARS UNSATISFIED WITH OUSTING TENG HSIAO-PING; SEEKS FURTHER PURGES AGAINST CLASS ENEMIES WITHIN CP. SOVIET EMBASSY BOMBING, TIGHT MAY DAY SECURITY, SOLDIERS WITH FIXED BAYONETS PATROLING NANKING STREETS ALL INDICATE RISING POLITICAL TENSIONS AS LEFTIST PRESS FACES OPPOSITION IN ATTEMPT CONVINCE PUBLIC THAT TENG'S SACKING NOT AIMED AT CHOU'S MEMORY WHICH STILL LINGERS FAVORABLY IN PRC PUBLIC OPINION (GREENWAY, WP).

FON SOURCES REPORT CHEN HSI-LIEN, TOP PRC GENERAL, KEY FIGURE IN POLITICAL HIERARCHY HAS COME UNDER ATTACK IN SHENYANG CITY WALL POSTERS. CHEN ACCUSED BEING MEMBER TENG'S 'GROUP'. SINOLOGISTS SAY ANY ATTEMPT OVERTHROW UNCLASSIFIED

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CHEN COULD HAVE DISRUPTIVE EFFECT WITHIN ARMED FORCES (REUTER, 5/13).

MAO GRANTED ONLY 15 MIN INTERVIEW WITH SINGAPORE PM LEE KUAN YEW DURING PEKING VISIT 5/12. MARKS SECOND SHORT INTERVIEW WITH HEAD OF STATE SINCE NZ PM MULDOON SAW MAO 4/30 (REUTER, WP).

UNCTAD ECONOMIC QUESTIONS PUSHED ASIDE DURING NAIROBI MEETING 5/13 AS PRC, SOVIETS BICKER OVER POLITICAL ISSUES. PRC'S KENYAN AMB WANG WYEH-YI CONDEMNED SOVIETS FOR 'FRENZIED ARMS EXPANSION AND WAR PREPARATIONS' (AP,WP).

CHI CHAO CHU, 50 YR OLD HARVARD-EDUCATED DIPLOMAT REPLACES TANG WEN-SHENG AS MAO'S PRINCIPAL INTERPRETER. BORN IN NY, CHI NOW DEP DIRECTOR IN PRC FON MINIS-TRY, SPECIALIZING IN UN AFFAIRS (REUTER).

TRACTORS, TRUCKS, TRAFFIC LIGHTS, ALL UNKNOWN UNTIL RECENTLY IN RURAL CHINA NOW COMMONPLACE AS PRC CONTINUING BROAD AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM STARTED LAST OCT BY HUA KUO-FENG. WEST BELIEVES PROGRAM PART OF UNDISCLOSED FIFTH 5-YR PLAN DUE BEGIN THIS YR (BUTTERFIELD, NYT; SUN).

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND REPORTS CHINESE HAVE ACCESS TO 'REFERENCE NEWS', TABLOID WHICH CONTAINS TRANSLATIONS OF ARTICLES, COMMENTARIES FROM FON PAPERS, MAGAZINES. WESTERN OBSERVERS SAY TRANSLATIONS UNDISTORTED, OBJECTIVE. CIRCULATION 7 MIL, LARGER THAN PEOPLE'S DAILY.

CHINA SHIPBUILDING CORP PLANS SPEND 25 MIL DOLS FOR MAJOR EXPANSION VESSEL REPAIR FACILITIES AT KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

ANDERSON/WHITTEN STATE US WEAPONS FROM SVN HAVE
FALLEN INTO HANDS WORLD-WIDE TERRORIST GROUPS. QUOTE
INTELL SOURCES THAT ARMS SHIPPED FROM VN TO LIBYA,
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TERRORISTS' CHIEF SUPPLIER. SAY MOST DANGEROUS ARE
"REDEYE" MISSILES THAT CAN KNOCK PLANES OUT; ADDS US
CUSTOMS SERVICE ALERTED POLICE ACROSS CO'NTRY TO BE
ON LOOKOUT FOR TERRORISTS WITH VN WAR WEAPONS.

KILBORN (CSM) REVIEWS TERZANI'S BOOK, "GIAI PHONG'
THE FALL AND LI0ERATION OF SAIGON." NOTES HEAVY
SLANT AGAINST US POSITION, SAYS AUTHOR MAKES NO
PRETENSE OBJECTIVITY. QUOTES AUTHOR THAT US NOURISHED
REVOLUTION INSTEAD OF ANNIHILATING IT, LEADERS NEVER
UNDERSTOOD WAR, CAUSE.

12. INDOCHINA/PHILIPPINES

EDER (NYT) REPORTS COPPOLA FILM ON VN WAR, "APOCALYPSE
NOW,, 0EING MADE IN PHILS. NOTES MOVIE WTLL 0E AGAINST
THE WAR, BEING MADE WITH NO DOD COOPERATION, THOUGH
GOP LENDING COPTERS.

13. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

CSM'S MCBRIDE REVIEWS TRAVELS THROUGHOUT US OF KY TO
PROMOTE NEW 0OOK, "TWENTY YEARS AND TWENTY DAYS."
NOTES FLAMBOYANT STYLE, STRONG OPINIONS OF EX-GEN,
APPARENT LACK POLITICAL AMBITIONS IN VIET COMMUNITY.
MCBRIDE CALLS BOOK PROUD, HAUGHTY; SAYS IT RECALLS KY'S
CIA ROLE, PART IN ANTI-DIEM COUP, PLANNED ANTI-THIEU
COUP.

14. KOREA

WP'S SAAR INTERVIEWED FM PARK TONG JIN IN SEOUL LAST
WEEK. FOUND HIM "APPREHENSIVE" ABOUT US WILLINGNESS
"ASSERT ITS STRENGTH" TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE SINCE
VICTORY OF COMMUNIST-LED FORCES ANGOLA. FM ALSO STATED
"NASTY, BACKBITING CRITICISM" OF SK INTERNAL POLITICS
IS "OPEN INVITATION TO NORTH KOREA., LIKENED RECENT
SPEECH BY REP FRASER (MINN) TO ACHESON STATEMENT WHICH
PRECEDED OUTBREAK KOREAN WAR BY FIVE MONTHS. SAID SK
FELT SHAMED, DISGRACED PUBLIC CRITICISM, HAS TO REACT
STRONGLY "EVEN IF THERE WAS MERIT TO IT."
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15. JAPAN

SAAR (WP) EXAMINES LDP POWER STRUGGLE THAT SURFACED THURSDAY WITH REPORTS LDP LEADERS WILL SOON ASK PM STEP DOWN, AND MIKI STATEMENT DOES NOT INTEND QUIT.

NOTES SHI-NA DESCRIBED AS INTERMEDIARY WHO PERSUADED RIVAL FACTION LEADERS TANAKA/FUKUDA/OHIRA PURY DIFFERENCES, DEPOSE MIKI, SEEK NEW, STRONG LEADERSHIP FOR LDP BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION DUE THIS YEAR. SAYS CHALLENGE TO MIKI VIEWED AS "SERIOUS AND GAINING MOMENTUM". IF MIKI UNSEATED, FUKUDA REGARDED MOST LIKELY SUCCESSOR, SINCE TANAKA'S INFLUENCE WEAKENED BY PERSISTENT RUMORS OF INVOLVEMENT IN LOCKHEED SCANDAL.

CSM VIEWS UNREST GENERATED BY LOCKHEED SCANDAL AS MAJOR PROBLEM ON JAPAN'S POLITICAL HORIZON. IF LATEST ATTEMPTS BY SPECIAL ENVOY SAITO, SUPRA-PARTISAN DIET DEL TO GAIN ADDITIONAL DATA IN WASHINGTON/LA SUCCEEDS, COULD BECOME ADDITIONAL FACTOR DISTURBING DOMESTIC POLITICS. GLOBE NOTES HOUSEWIVES REFUSE PATRONIZE JAPAN'S FIRST FULLY-AUTOMATED, COMPUTERIZED SUPERMARKET, WHICH FORCES CLOSE DOWN BY "CUSTOMER REJECTION."

16. CHINA

BEECH (NEWS AMER, 5/13) SAYS CHINA WATCHERS FEEL POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIGHTISTS, RADICALS COULD RESULT IN CHAOS. BELIEVES MAO'S DEATH MIGHT PRECIPITATE PEKING-MOSCOW RAPPROCHMENT, UPSETTING POWER BALANCE AND SEVERING PRC'S CONNECTION WITH US.

WP'S ROUNDUP OF WORLD PRESS ON PEKING STRUGGLE CITES PEOPLE'S DAILY: "THE WHOLE NATION...VEHEMENTLY DENOUNCES ... TENG"; IZVESTIA: "CHINESE OFFICIALS WO'D HAVE US BELIEVE THAT WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IS... IDEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION...(IT IS) A FIERCE STRUGGLE AMONG THE CHINESE ELITE"; MELBOURNE AGE: "THE STRENGTH OF THE EXTREME LEFT IS...EXAGGERATED BY ITS CONTROL
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OF THE MEDIA"; WEST BERLIN DER ABEND: "THE ERUPTIONS IN PEKING BELIEVE THE MYTH THAT THIS IS A NATION...WHICH CAN BE MANIPULATED IN ANY WAY THE LEADERSHIP DESIRES. KISSINGER

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